

a newsletter of the Map and Geography Round Table

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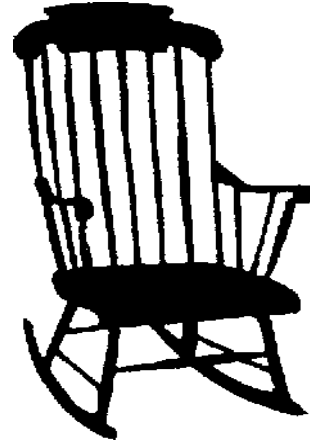
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FROM THE CHAIR

Mary McInroy, University of Iowa


MAGERT's midwinter conference activities went off without a hitch, other than the overly long search for a bottle opener at the Friday night reception. Approximately 30 people enjoyed the reception, and on behalf of MAGERT, I would like to thank our three sponsors for their financial contributions to the reception: ProQuest (Digital Sanborn Maps), Gaylord Brothers, and the Philadelphia Print Shop.

At the reception, the Print Shop's Jane Mebus distributed a bibliography she had put together on maps available at the Print Shop dealing with the "Canadian-U.S. Border in the East: from 1760 to 1860." A small group of us were able to see those and other maps and prints when we took a field trip to the Print Shop on Monday. I'd like to personally thank Jane Mebus for her help in making the "local" aspects of the conference so enjoyable, for allowing us to visit the Philadelphia Print Shop after hours, and for giving us such a good restaurant recommendation for that same evening.



Most meetings were well-attended, and the ones I sat in on were energetic as well as educational. Minutes from these various meetings and discussion groups begin appearing in this issue of *base line* and will continue in following issues.

I'm pleased to announce that John A. Olson, the Maps/GIS Librarian at Syracuse University, will be a new MAGERT representative to the Cartographic Users Advisory Council (CUAC), beginning after the May 2003 CUAC meeting. John will replace Mike Furlough, Director of the Geospatial and Statistical Data Center at the University of Virginia. Mike, the current co-Chair of CUAC, is rotating off the group after three years of hard work and solid representation for MAGERT. Thank you, Mike.

With 2003 midwinter barely behind us, we are finalizing plans for the annual conference in Toronto. Although the MAGERT schedule is unofficial as I write, we once again plan to hold our reception on the Friday evening before conference meetings begin in earnest. Please check *base line* issues for further information on the Toronto conference. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. 

FROM THE EDITOR

Mark Thomas, Duke University

Coming fast on the heels of the ALA Midwinter Meetings in Philadelphia, we don't have a big issue of *base line* for you this month, but we hope we make
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up for it in quality. We have some important reminders regarding travel from the U.S. to Canada for those of you planning on attending the Toronto conference in June and an article on historic map bibliographies available from the Stony Brook website. Then, as always, info on some great new maps. We begin our Philadelphia coverage with minutes from Executive Board I in this issue, and will continue in April with more minutes and photos, as well as in-depth reports in “On the Cataloging/Cataloguing Front.”

This spring, be sure to vote in the ALA elections, in particular for your MAGERT officers!

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Conference mechanics: There will be only one Opening General Session, but two separate President's Programs and separate governance-type meetings for ALA and CLA. "Programs and other

events will be held jointly." There will be a shuttle service, as usual, between conference hotels and the convention center.

Playing it cool at the border: When Canadian Immigration asks you why you're coming to the country, you should say you're coming to attend the joint American Library Association / Canadian Librarian Association Annual Conference. *Under no circumstances should you tell Immigration that you are entering the country to work.*

Questions?: Call ALA Conference Services at 800-545-2433, ext. 3277 or confs@ala.org

Border Incident:

Thanks to Dan Seldin, of Indiana University, for this one: Many years ago the Special Libraries Association held a conference in Toronto. It was at the time of the Patty Hearst kidnaping at the hands of the Symbionese Liberation Army. One librarian (not Dan!) was driving across the border to the conference and was questioned by Canadian Immigration officials:

Official – What is the purpose of your visit to Canada?

Librarian – I'm attending an SLA meeting in Toronto.

Official – Sir, please pull your car over there and step out.

Moral: Don't use initialisms!

Also, this editor can attest to the fact that if you drive across the Canadian border in a 1970 Volkswagen Beetle with Texas plates, do expect delays!



EXECUTIVE BOARD I MINUTES
ALA Midwinter Meetings, Philadelphia
Saturday, January 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

The minutes from the annual conference in Chicago were approved as published in *base line*.

Issues from the Round Table Coordinating Assembly included the selection of two representatives to the committee that will determine the tracks for the 2005 annual conference. Chris Kollen is one of the two representatives from the Round Tables to the committee for the 2004 conference, so MAGERT was not eligible to have a representative on the 2005 committee. The Assembly selected someone from the Round Tables to facilitate the meetings instead of a staff member of ALA.

restricted legally in what statements it can make. More information is on the SRRT website (<http://libr.org/SRRT/>)

There are several issues for the committees to address during the conference. The Publications Committee will work on updating "Helpful Hints for Small Map Collections" before the annual conference. The Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) is investigating the possibility of changing their discussion groups into interest groups. This could have an impact on the joint Map Cata-

candidates for the positions of vice-chair/chair-elect and secretary. The

services. The GIS Discussion Group meeting at this conference will start at 9:00 AM and not 8:30 AM, as stated in the program

There was no old business.

New business for this conference include MAGERT's need for a new representative to Cartographic Users Advisory Council to replace Mike Furlough. Volunteers will be solicited at midwinter. There are some questions as to what the future could be for the Small Map Collection Discussion Group. The group has been searching for an identity and focus.

For the annual conference in Toronto it is strongly encouraged that people travel with a passport to expedite returning to the United States. There are plans being developed for a joint reception with the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives.

At the GODORT steering committee, it was announced that their membership is under 900. The membership seems to be running into demographic and reorganization pressures.

The treasurer pro tem reported that he found the Financial Planning Seminar held on Friday by ALA's Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) to be very worthwhile. This session—geared to treasurers and chairs and usually offered at Midwinter meetings—reviews ALA's financial structure and helps to explain and interpret the monthly financial reports received throughout the year by the round tables and divisions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore,
Secretary 

MAP BIBLIOGRAPHIES FROM STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

by David Y. Allen, Stony Brook University

The libraries at Stony Brook University have made available on the Web searchable bibliographies with references to over 5000 maps of New York State and the Northeast. A list of the bibliographies and information on how to search them can be found at: <http://www.sunysb.edu/libmap/bibs.htm>.

I have made these bibliographies available with some hesitation. None of them are in their final form. They were put together over a period of years

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using the bibliographic database management program EndNote. The bibliographies vary considerably in format, as well as in the amount of information presented in individual records, and in the extent to which they adhere to standard cataloging conventions.

To further complicate matters, the software used to search and display the bibliographies on the Web (Reference Web Poster) is considerably less than

perfect. It is erratic in the way it indexes and displays fields that contain unusual characters, and it sports a number of other quirks and glitches.

In spite of all the problems I decided it would be worthwhile to make the bibliographies available to the public. Most of the maps listed in them are uncataloged, and consequently the bibliographies contain much information that is not otherwise easily accessible. In spite of the problems with Reference Web Poster, it does succeed in searching and displaying all records. I get best results by using the options to “search all indexed fields” or “search all non-indexed fields” from the drop-down menu. One nice feature of the program is that it allows you to search the bibliographies individually or as a group. Because the bibliographies vary in structure and content, and list materials in a variety of locations, it is usually best to search them individually after reading the descriptions of what they cover.

A brief description of the content of the bibliographies is contained on the Web page referenced above. Cartographic professionals may be interested in the more detailed description that follows.

Brook University. As the number of items listed on the New York State Map Pathfinder has increased to several hundred, the addition of a search engine should be welcomed by many.

Finally, the site contains two specialized bibliographies that might form the core of future cooperative projects. One of these is a list of maps found in the publications of the New York State Legislature (Docmaps.enl). Although it omits maps from the many volumes not available at Stony Brook University, it includes more than 2000 maps published in New York State legislative documents prior to 1940. It is hoped that one or more New York State libraries will complete the list by including maps in volumes missing at

Stony Brook. These maps would be good candidates for state-funded preservation or digitization projects.

A similar checklist includes all of the soil maps published prior to 1950 in Stony Brook's nationwide collection of soil surveys (Soils.enl). Although our collection is by no means complete, it includes 1,492 maps. The maps covering New England, New York, and the Middle Atlantic States are being deacidified and encapsulated as part of a state-funded preservation project. Here, too, other libraries might want to consider adding their holdings to the list and participating in grant proposals for cooperative preservation or digitization projects.



WELCOME NEW MAGERT MEMBERS!

Please note an error in the New Member listing in the last issue of *base line* (December 2002). It stated that the persons listed represented new members through July 2002, but actually they represented new members through September 2002. We apologize for any confusion. Please contact the Editor or the Chair of the Membership Committee if you're a new member and aren't mentioned in this column, so we can check our records and correct any error.

MAGERT wishes to extend a welcome to the following new members through November of 2002. We hope their association with us and with map librarianship is long and fruitful, and we welcome them to become actively involved with the Round Table.

Lisa Autio
West Salem, WI

Barbara Eales
Oxnard, CA

Caroline Gilson
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Scranton, PA

Patricia Ann Duplantis
Silver Spring, MD

Anne Murphy
Oak Harbor, WA

Carlos Diaz
Olympia, WA

NEW BOOKS AND MAPS

Fred Musto, Yale University

New Maps

Iraq Once More

In the October 2002 "New Maps" column I mentioned the scarcity of maps of Iraq. But as expected, interest in that area is peaking and several new maps have recently appeared.

Hungarian publisher GiziMap has issued a new detailed general map of *Iraq* at 1:1.75M, with relief shown by elevation tinting and spot heights, and

<http://www.omnimap.com> (The detail of the map that's displayed on both the Omni and MapLink web sites identifies the location of "Saddam Hussein's Bunker & Command Headquarters" so I doubt that will be the first place he'll go if bombs start falling.)

ITMB is also promising a new map of Baghdad, due out in February, but they indicate that their map is being developed by Karto Atelier, so it's probably essentially the same as the item from Omni and MapLink. ITMB quickly

It's probably worthwhile to acquire maps of some other countries in the region. There's a large U.S. military presence in the tiny nation of Qatar, and an invasion of Iraq would probably come through Kuwait. Geoprojects, a British firm that specializes in maps of the Middle East, has been publishing maps of these countries for years, and has recently issued updated editions. Their double-sided map of *Qatar*, now in its third edition, at 1:270K and 30.5 x 17", includes an indexed map of the capital of Doha. Their 2002 *Kuwait* is done at a 1:500K scale, measures 36 x 35", and has an inset map of Kuwait City and index on the reverse. Both maps retail for \$15.95 from Omni or Map Link.

Yemen

I'm a fan of those neat little maps from the CIA that come as depository items, but I usually don't give them a second thought when we receive a shipment. However I was intrigued by a new map of Yemen, dated 10/02, that just arrived. It's very different in format from the usual CIA product in both size and content. The large 27 x 39" sheet contains a nice 21 x 20" map of Yemen (with a background from satellite imagery); six smaller inset maps showing such things as "Distribution of Ethno-religious Groups and Key Tribal Areas," population density, economic activity, and land use; a "Factoids" box; and a brief timeline of "Important Events from 1959 to Present."

It's not clear if this is a one-shot product or an example of a new style of

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mapping to come. (It may be the latter, since a new map of Turkey also recently arrived—another large, 27 x 39", and very attractive production with several informative inset maps.) At this time the Yemen map wasn't listed on the CIA web site, so no price information was available, but it may be obtainable through NTIS if your library is not a depository. (GeoCenter has it listed on their web site for 29.) Oddly enough, an image of the map is available at LC's American Memory web site under "Map Collections: 1500-2002" <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gnrlmapPlaces02.html#bottom>.

ITMB also has a new map of Yemen, just released in January. The 1:1.4M scale map, done in their usual style, is indexed, includes a glossary of Arabic geographic terms, and sells for \$8.95. About the only other fairly recent and obtainable maps of Yemen are a 1997 issue from Freytag & Berndt, at 1:1.5M on a 27 x 38" sheet, with inset plans for the Sana'a, the capital, and Aden. It's available for \$11.95 from MapLink. And Berndtson & Berndtson published a handy laminated map of the country in 1996. It includes maps of central Yemen at 1:1M, the island of Soqatra at the same scale, South Yemen at 1:2.5M, and larger-scale plans of the cities of Al Hudayah, Sana, and Taizz. It lists for \$9.95 from Omni.

Peru

Getting back to the western hemisphere, Peru is an interesting country that has been the subject of a number of new maps. Lima 2000 is a small local publisher that specializes in

maps of the capital, understandably perhaps since nearly a third of Peru's million population lives in Lima. They have just issued a good tourist map of the city, a 17 x 24" sheet at various scales, and priced at \$9.95. They also offer a recent (2000) and tailed 1:35.7K map of the city on a double-sided 27 x 38" sheet for \$14.95. Both are available from Map Link.

But if it's detail you want, and money not a concern, you could go for the 25K *Lima Metropolitan Map*, a full color shaded relief map on 2 sheets

heavy use, the bilingual map is printed on tear-resistant paper and has tourist information along the bottom, with symbols indicating sites and services along the trail. All of the above maps are available from Omni for \$8.95 each.

Silk Road

The Silk Road, the ancient trade route from the Middle East across Central Asia and into China, has seen a revival of interest in recent years. The



included in *China Northwest*, a 1:2M map that includes a number of landmarks and curiosities, from the Three Immortal Caves to the Huocheng Tortoise Protection Area, as well as the many branches of the Silk Road. The map bears a suspicious resemblance to the *China Northwest*

wonderful reproductions of city views and maps, has added three new items to their “Souvenir Series.” The attractive birds-eye views of *Brooklyn, 1879* (by Currier and Ives), *Aspen, 1893*, and *San Jose, 1875*, are printed in color, and measure about 13 x 19”. The maps in the “Souvenir Series” are issued on text-weight paper

tion,” besides updated political boundaries, is the addition of a “flags of the world” chart at the bottom. It retails for \$10 (\$8 at Amazon.com or B&N).

National Geographic has just added several titles to its “Destination Map” series. Previously published maps focused on the major tourist cities, mainly in the U.S. and Europe, but these new titles range a little farther afield to locations in Africa. *Cairo, Tunis, Cape Town, Johannesburg*, and *Victoria Falls* are all priced at \$8.99.

Historic Urban Plans, producers of those

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Valentine's Day, I'd be remiss not to mention *The Love Map*, the latest production from Hedberg Maps. Officially titled *The World of Romance affectionately known as the Love Map*, the publisher's modest blurb perhaps describes it best: "The story of romance—its changes through time and its variations around the globe—is

"to be published using historical maps rather than modern redrawn ones." And as "a history illustrated with maps rather than a cartobibliography" it succeeds.

Some 87 topics, arranged roughly chronologically from "Saint Brendan



system 200 years ago. Beautifully written, it's an interesting story, engagingly told, that uses the measuring theme as a way to bring in the whole sweep of American (and British and French) history of the time. It's one of those books that entertains as well as informs, and I learned much about such things as Gunter's chain and people like Ferdinand Hassler. While it makes good background reading for map librarians, it belongs in the circulating collection where anyone interested in maps or history will find it terrific reading.

Singapore Street Atlas. Singapore: Periplus Editions, 2002. 305 p \$16.95 (ISBN: 9625939954). Touted by the publisher as the first and only street atlas of Singapore, this handy and well-

Ministry of Culture, which is similar in content and format. The latest edition seems to be the 18th, published in 1995, so it may be defunct. But if you don't have this, the *Street Atlas* would be a good addition to larger collections.

Exhibit Catalogs, Large & Small

L *a peninsule arabique dans les cartes européennes et anciennes, fin Xve-debut XIXe siecle = The Arabian Peninsula in Old European Maps, from the End of the 15th Century to the Beginning of the 19th Century. Khaled Al Ankary Collection, Exhibition from September 15th to October 28th 2001.* Paris: Institut du monde arabe, 2001. 431 p. 60 (ISBN: 284306080X). This is a beautiful

O tesouro dos mapas: a cartografia na formacao do Brasil = The Treasure of the Maps: Cartographic Images of the Formation of Brazil. Sao Paulo: Instituto Cultural Banco Santos, 2002.

only 15 are reproduced, in color, in the catalog. More useful is the text, which includes a 20-page essay by Ralph Ehrenberg on notable maps of Florida,




A Truly Waterproof Map

This item was brought to our attention by Chip Woodward of the Government Printing Office. — ed.

The “New Yorkistan” cover of the *New Yorker*, from last December 10th, has proven so popular that it’s now available as a shower curtain. The cover art, by Maira Kalman and Rick Meyerowitz, is a map of New York City showing neighborhoods labeled with concocted names that either sound vaguely similar to place names recently in the news or are in some way derived from recent hot news. Examples include Khandibar, Botoxia, Pashmina, and Turban Sprawl. (Fans of those great New Yorkers, The Three Stooges, may be uncomfortably reminded of the names of small nations featured in some of their old film shorts.) As they say at the website, it “will give a whole

new meaning to the term ‘bathroom humor’.”

Although at this time it’s currently on backorder, you can order one from the *New Yorker’s* website at <http://cartoonbank.com>.

It’s \$35.00 plus \$10 for shipping and handling. If you’re like me and have sliding glass doors protecting your shower, you can instead get the 18 x 22" lithographic reproduction. Framed for \$275, plus \$25 s/h (“ONLY” \$275 declares the website), or unframed for a mere \$175 (plus \$10 s/h). The shower curtain version certainly fits most budgets a little better, and it should resist coffee stains as well as those plastic hiking maps do, but you’re going to have to break the “fold only once” rule to fit the 72 x 72" curtain into a standard map drawer. 

THE OXFORD SEMINARS IN CARTOGRAPHY Remaining Programme for 2002-2003

The following comes from an announcement posted to MAPS-L on September 16, 2002, by Nick Millea of the Bodleian Library at Oxford. — ed.

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Thursday 22 May

“E.C. Willatts and the planning maps from central government: thirty years of achievement in British thematic cartography 1953-1982”

Dr. Christopher Board (International Cartographic Association)

All seminars commence at 5 PM in the School of Geography and the Environment, Mansfield Road, Oxford.

For further details contact <mailto:nam@bodley.ox.ac.uk> or 01865 287119.

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